

B of A Issue, Pool Highlight Spring

By DERALENE EBNER
Staff Writer

Spring '77 at Valley College brought the end of a controversial issue, groundbreaking for a long awaited facility, employment of the sun's powers, and elections.

The issue of whether or not to withdraw the Valley College funds from the Bank of America took five months to conclude.

It began Oct. 19, 1976 when the Associated Students Council passed a resolution to have the funds withdrawn, after it became known that the B of A had allegedly complied with an Arab boycott against Israel.

In mid-March, after a referendum was held, which passed with 238 in favor of the bank change and 108 against, the bank issue came to a close. The funds now reside in the Santa Clarita National Bank.

On April 19, construction began for the swimming pool, which will be situated between the Men's and Women's Gym. It is expected to take eight months to complete the project.

The pool will be 75 by 82 feet and cost over \$500,000. There will be dressing rooms, high and low diving boards, lighting for night swimming, and special facilities for the handicapped.

It will be open to the community late in the afternoons, evenings, and weekends. Instruction periods for the school will be from the morning to late afternoons, weekdays.

The pool will be heated by conventional means, but there will also be an alternate source of power, solar energy.

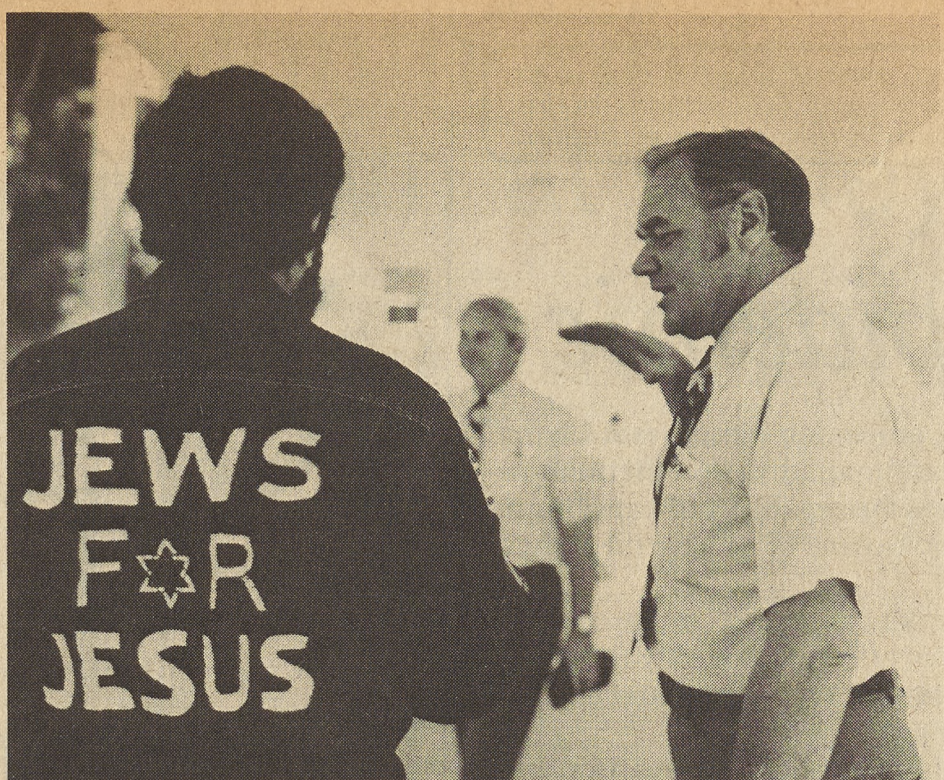
Donald Brunet, dean of administrative services, began researching solar energy over a year ago. He found that plain, corrugated sheet metal painted black is the best material for solar collectors and it is the least expensive.

An experimental project has been in operation over seven months. Six solar panels were placed on top of the Women's Gym.

Results from the experiments have been sent to Sacramento. If a grant of \$50-60,000 is provided, the project would be continued for another year, taking into consideration expansion and construction of additional collectors.

Elections were held the week of May 16 for candidates running for Associated Student Council.

In a run-off election held the following week for president, John Donohue (Continued to Pg. 3, Col. 3)



CONFRONTATION—Valley College security officer, J.J. Wolfe, confronts a member of Jews for Jesus who was reprimanded for handing out pamphlets and holding discussions on the merits of being a Jew who believes in Jesus. Through a court hearing, the "Jew for Jesus," and other such organizations, were granted access to the campus as long as they do not hand out pornographic or obscene material.

Valley Star Photo by Harry Fisher

Valley's Campus Accessible to All Via Legal Edict

By RICHARD GREEN
News Editor

Citing first amendment rights, the City Attorney's Office granted the Jews for Jesus organization in particular, and all groups in general, the right to pass out leaflets on the Valley College campus, according to Bruno Cicotti, coordinator of student services.

"According to the legal decision," said Cicotti, "Any group can pass out literature on campus as long as the information is not offensive or derogatory in nature."

Wally Gudzus, chief of Valley security, represented the college in the hearing in which the legal decision was handed down.

"Before the decision we (Valley security) thought that we had the right

to remove any organization passing out literature on campus if they were not a registered club," said Gudzus. "We removed the Jews for Jesus organization last week on that basis."

On Tuesday the Jews for Jesus delegation returned to Valley and resumed their activities of handing out pamphlets.

One member of the group, Baruch Goldstein, recalled the removal from campus.

"We were passing out pamphlets for our organization when the Valley security requested us to leave and wrote us out a citation," said Goldstein. "All we wanted was the opportunity to talk to students and explain our point of view."

According to the advisors of the Campus Crusade for Christ and the Christian Campus Fellowship, the Jews for Jesus organization came to Valley uninvited.

The advisor to the Hillel Council, Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein voiced strong reservations to the controversial organization.

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LAST SESSION ENDS ON FESTIVE NOTE

Council Leaves Them Laughing

By JOHN MILBURN
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An atmosphere alternating from the festive to the morose pervaded this semester's last Associated Student Council meeting Tuesday.

On the brief business side of the agenda, council passed a motion allocating "a sum not to exceed \$100" to cover the cost of installing two new

IBM II copier machines in the library. One will be positioned this summer, and the other in the fall, provided no budgetary stumbling blocks spring up at the finance committee level.

Theresa-Kathryn Scott, commissioner of campus improvements authored the motion, and effectively combated numerous objections, ranging from a dispute over the new price

of 10 cents per copy (which, as later established, really had nothing to do with the motion, per se) to complaints that the responsibility for purchasing new machines was beyond the province of student council business.

Scott said that the machines would eventually "pay for themselves" by applying 50 percent of revenues obtained through usage of the machines to the purchase price of \$13,000 each.

Some expressed concern that if for some reason usage rates were to decline, ASO would be stuck with an untenable expense. However, June Bierman, librarian, quoted from financial reports of a year ago, that revenues of \$300 per month were being realized. The rental fee for the new machines would be \$244 per month for each machine.

Scott voiced confidence that the new machine's superior capabilities, would increase usage, and offset the possibility of a financial drain.

Responding to a Mark Frydman, commissioner of Jewish-Ethnic Studies charge that the machines should come from the library's budget, Bierman said, "I wish you didn't have control of this. I don't know how you got into this business."

Eventually the motion passed and the festivities began. Nelson Tucker, former A.S. president, announced

from the floor in a speech laced with intentionally ostentatious flourish his imminent marriage to Sylvia Law, will be held in the free speech area "sometime in July." The announcement was greeted with thunderous applause and a standing ovation.

Things then became somber, as a plethora of council members alternately got up to summarize this semester's council on a personal level.

Commissioner of records Jon Melichar attacked President Jeff Sloane in a lengthy prepared lecture, and said that his position was supported by the signatures of several other members.

Social activities commissioner Scott defended Sloane, and recording secretary Cathy Gullo scolded the entire group for "always seeing the bad, and never the good" in people. Mark Frydman, in an emotional plea, said that council's actions in general were irrelevant in the light of the world's poverty. He asked how members could view their actions as significant when people are starving.

Future of College Press Threatened by Takeover

By SHERYL RABOY
Staff Writer

Threatening the future of the Valley Star and Evening Star is the imminent take-over of advertising funds by the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees.

The take-over is a result of a "complete re-investigation" by the LACCD Budget Department, related Tom Fallo, budget director.

"As of July 1, all advertising funds compiled by the nine community colleges, will be collected by the district for appropriation to the campuses to be used as they had been before," Fallo stated.

Money collected from advertising in campus publications has been used for all photo expenses, the reproduction machine and headline machine supplies, all conventions, annual banquets, the mileage of students delivering copy to the printer, mailing costs, the Star's telephone bill, and High-School Journalism Day.

Approximately \$15,000 in advertising money went toward issues of the paper not covered by the \$22,000 budget allotted Valley College.

The problem now facing Valley is having to estimate months in advance (Continued to Pg. 6, Col. 1)

Chili Cookers To Test Palate For Funds To Build Mini Pool

By KENNETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Movie stars, skydivers, sports celebrities and bluegrass bands are just some of the action packed attractions that will highlight the First Annual California Collegiate Chili Cook off, scheduled for 10 a.m., June 5, at Valley College Stadium.

The event is the first of its kind. It will pit college against college to determine the state's best chili cook, and is sanctioned by the International Chili Society.

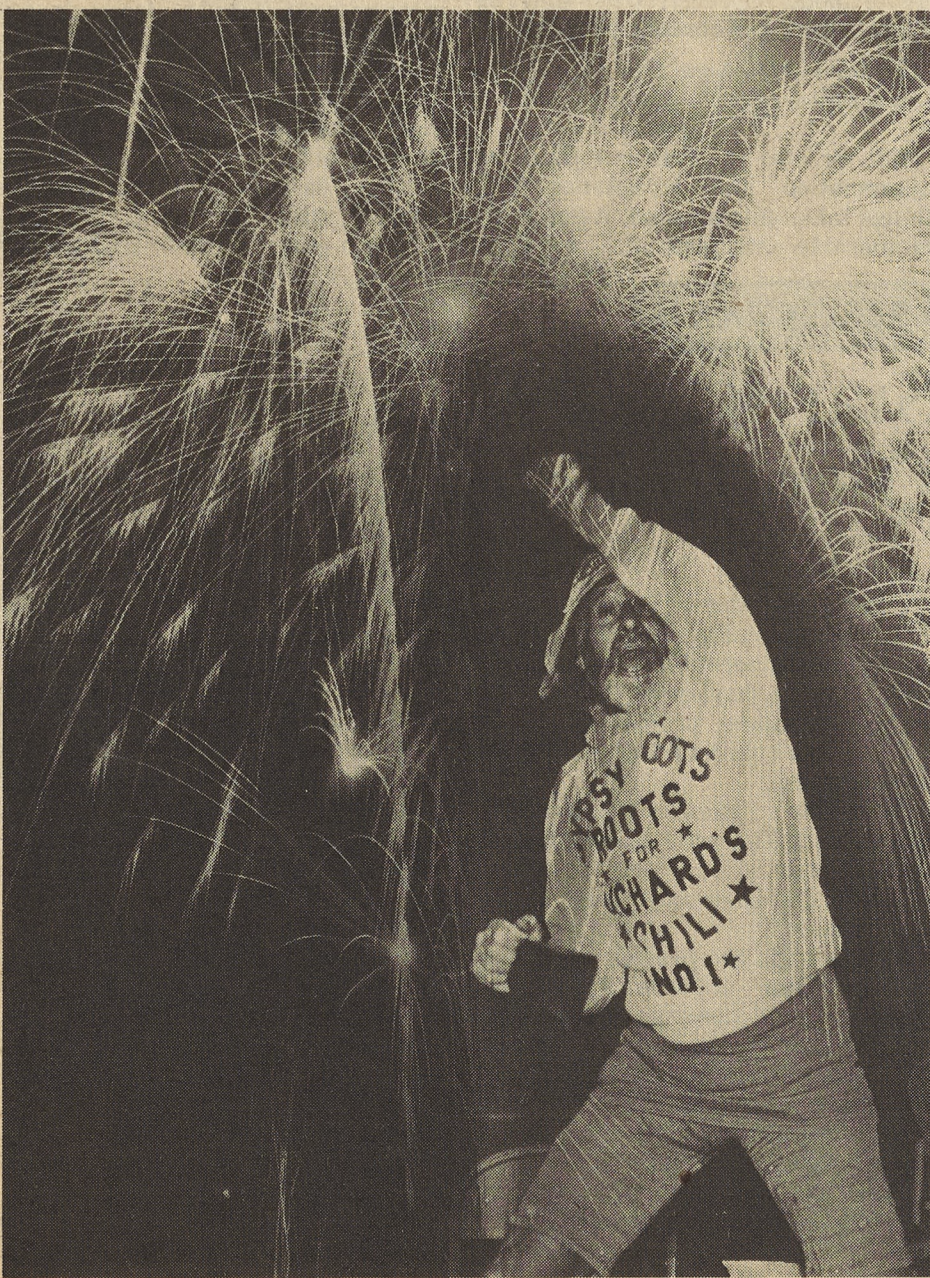
Cookoff teams will consist of a master chili cooker, meat, onion, and tomato cutters, peelers, choppers, tasters, fans and friends.

All money raised by the cookoff will go toward construction of a shallow mini pool at Valley. The mini pool will be used by people in the community with physical handicaps.

Among the celebrities to be on hand for the event will be Joseph Campanella, Ralph Story, Elena Verdugo, and Jack Albertson. Internationally known race car driver and builder, Carroll Shelby, will be the cookoffs chief judge. Other judges include Marty Allen, Victoria James, Gypsy Boots, Valley College President, Alice J. Thurston, and Ormly Gumfudgin, Historian for the International Chili Society.

There will also be a chili pepper eating contest, the crowning of Miss Junior Chili Pepper, and Miss Mini-Pool, both of whom are seven-years-old, and an auction of famous chili recipes autographed by such people as Rosalynn Carter, Mayor Tom Bradley, Governor Brown, and the Captain and Tennile.

This year's cookoff champion will compete in the California state championship at the Balboa Bay Club, in Newport Beach.



A GYPSY WITH SPARKLE—Gypsy Boots, a well known health food advocate, demonstrates his vigor for the up coming chili cookoff, to be held at Valley on June 5. All proceeds will go towards the construction of the mini-pool.

Valley Star Composite by Harry Fisher

Donohue To 'Open Door'

By SHERYL RABOY
Staff Writer

"I'm filled with optimism about next semester's council," says John Donohue, newly-elected president of Associated Students.

He is hopeful that with input from the students, A.S. Council will be an ongoing process. "From student ideas, to council, to the district for approval, then into a product, it will be a cause and effect council," says Donohue.

"It can work, there's no question."

Albertson Victorious In Run-Off

Wallace Albertson defeated incumbent Frederick Wyatt in a run-off election Tuesday for Seat No. 6 of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees.

By a slim margin of 1.45 percent, Albertson moved ahead in early Wednesday morning tabulations. The balloting weaved between the two candidates as the various electoral districts reported throughout the night.

Albertson was unavailable for comment on the morning of her victory. She had left early for Washington, D.C., where she is meeting with President Jimmy Carter.

Campaign workers reported that she was "delighted by the outcome."

Wyatt received 49.27 percent of the vote cast, with 156,139, while Albertson took 50.72 percent with 160,733 of the total.

"I've done my thing for eight years on the Board of Trustees," said Wyatt, speaking from his office at the district Wednesday morning. "I'm not political, and am totally independent," he commented, relating to his lack of affiliation with any of the unions involved on the community college campuses.

He feels that it was Albertson's advertising campaign that put her over the top. He said that he did not participate in any form of advertising.

Donohue is looking forward to both positive and negative feedback from the students. He knows they aren't happy with things the way they are.

"I've heard a lot of unhappy comments about student government. There is a lack of communication between Council and the students. While I'm in office, I shall re-establish the "Open-Door" policy, letting students into council meetings, to converse with members on issues and make suggestions, or bring up new ideas."

A new kind of cabinet will be in session next Fall. Says Donohue, "The student government is for students. I will just be guiding them."

Getting students involved in this campus, its activities and government will be his main objective.

Although approximately 11,000 Valley College students have a paid I.D. which allows them to vote, only 521 students, a mere 5 percent, cast their ballots last week.

Student I.D. sales, and having one in order to vote are other problems he will try to solve, with the help of the student opinion.

"I've got to find a way to increase the desire to buy student I.D.'s. Word spreads around that one doesn't have to buy an I.D., so students don't buy one. This is a step towards the end of student government," Donohue stated.

The point is, if Council is trying to put a motion through, and the administration wants to know how much support is behind it, it is determined by the number of students who have I.D.'s—those who vote. "Once they see no one's interested in an issue, they're not going to push for it if the only interested people are those on Council," says Donohue.

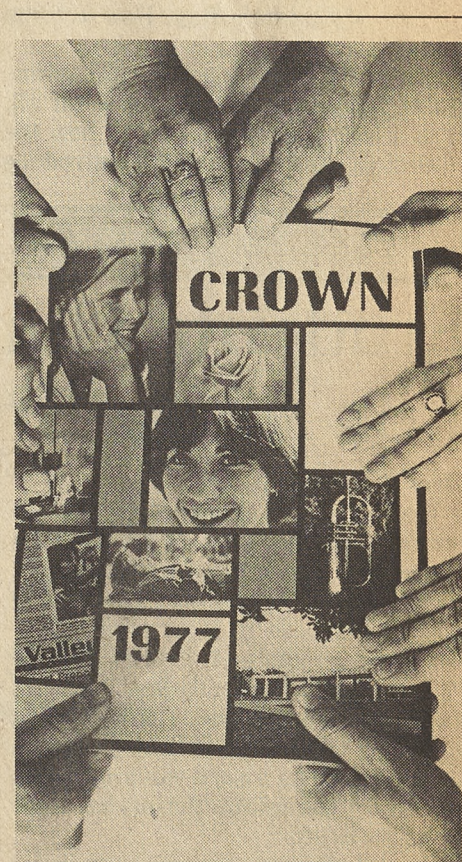
Donohue would also like to get response from students attending evening classes here. "It seems the only time officials are interested in the evening students is when they're candidates and they need all the votes they can get. I'm interested in how everyone feels. The President can't make things work by himself. There's a lot of work to be done, and all the help students can give Council will be

greatly appreciated," Donohue stated.

"I will be doing an enormous amount of learning this summer," says Donohue. "Between summer school and learning about Council procedure from the present staff, my day will be full. I'll be doing a lot of listening this summer."

"I want to be a President who does something. I'm going to do my best. The only way I can do that is by people letting me know what they want."

And people is what it's all about, anyway. I like people. I'm one myself."



CAUGHT HOLDING THE CROWN—Valley students are shown here holding the latest edition of Crown magazine. Due to problems with the binders, Crown will be delayed in its proposed publication date. If all goes well Crown should be out during finals week. Crown is free with a paid I.D., and \$3.50 without. Crown will be distributed through the Business Office and many stands throughout campus. Valley Star Photo by Barry Slobin

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STAR EDITORIALS

Apathy Fosters Epidemic

Apathy has taken a dangerous turn in America. Self narcissosis has spread to lack of concern for the community at large. The recent epidemic of measles can be taken as a clear example of this lack of concern on the part of many people.

This year, in Los Angeles alone, there were 2,000 confirmed cases of measles, two deaths, six instances of measles-induced encephalitis, and numerous cases of measles pneumonia.

There was no need for such a drastic recurrence of what is normally a readily controllable disease. Unfortunately, a new generation of parents and physicians who have not had direct experience with this potentially crippling disease takes its supposed extinction for granted.

In fact, the medical world has never considered measles to have been eradicated, unlike small pox, which was conquered in 1949.

In order to control any virus, the entire population must be involved. Recent statistics show that only 2/3 of American schoolchildren have been immunized against measles, according to James D. Cherry, chief of the UCLA medical school's division of infectious diseases.

"The problem with measles today is that our susceptibility to it has increased because so many

of us have let our protection lapse," said Cherry.

Not only does public apathy affect the unknowing child, but it has the capability of crippling an entire community. Do any of us have the right to endanger others?

A major outbreak of rubella (German measles) has the potential of affecting not only those who immediately suffer from its symptoms but also future generations.

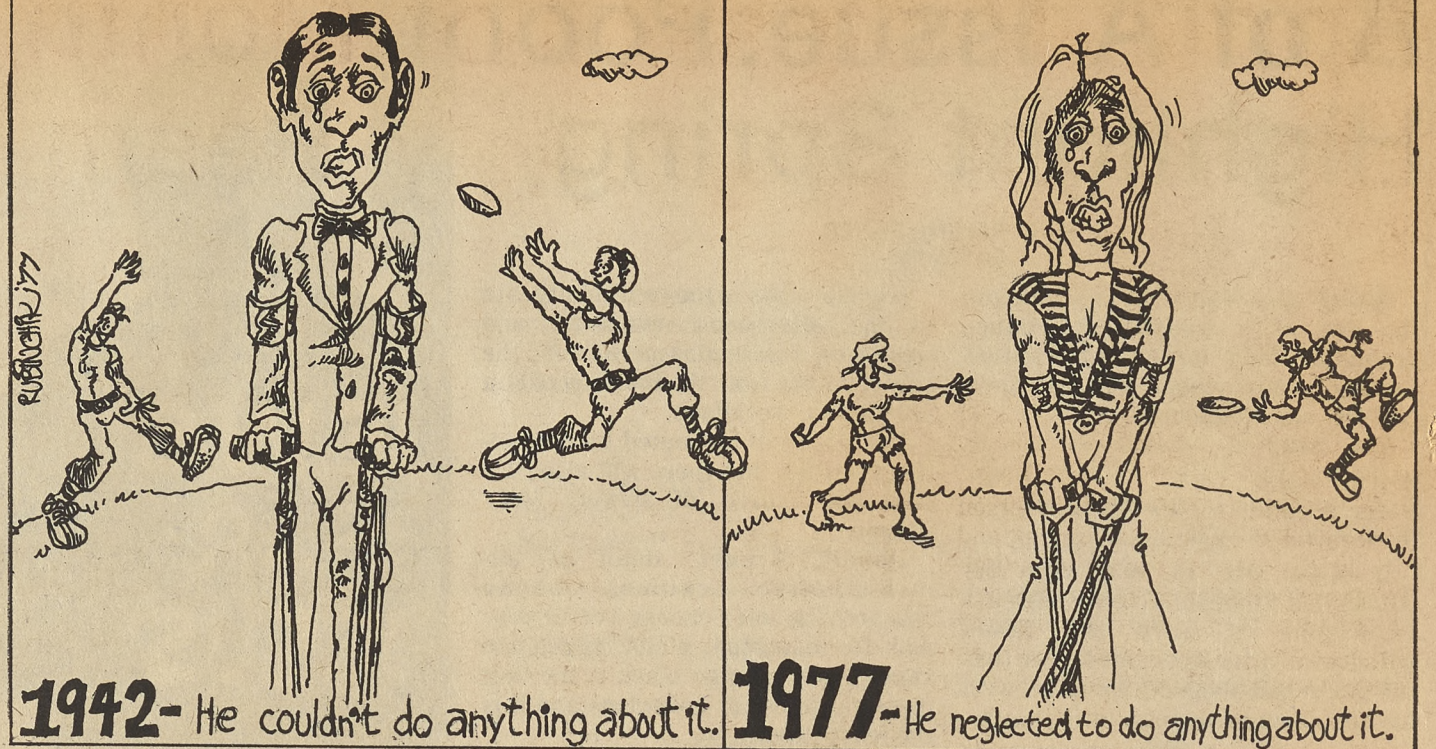
It is a disease, though mild by comparison with other measles viruses, that can take on horrendous complications when present in pregnant women.

Mental as well as physical deformity can afflict the unborn infant as a result of a mother contracting Rubella. Sometimes even death.

Measles is not the only disease to which people have become inured. Polio, at one time a major crippler of young and old alike, has the potential of reappearing if the American public continues on its apathetic trend.

The measles epidemic should never have happened. The possibility of other viral outbreaks is real.

Please. Don't take your child's health for granted.



RAMBLINGS

'So Long Mom, I'm Off ...' Editor Enters Real World

DAVID GREENWALD

Editor-in-Chief



I can't say that life at Valley College has been grand, but it has been rewarding.

Now I am about to enter the world of the community college graduate, beginning a life of searching for the elusive job—or bachelor's degree.

So long mom, I'm off to drop a bomb, so don't wait up for me. And though I may roam far from my home, you can see me—on your T.V.

—Tom Lehrer

When I left high school I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. I went overseas to search for a life. I didn't want to go back to school, I knew that.

When I didn't find what I was searching for, to any lasting extent, I returned to California and worked. I worked until I was bored out of my mind. Menial, but well-paying jobs. I was well off for a kid 19 years old.

It occurred to me that being bored could quite possibly be my lot in life if I didn't do something to change it. Back to school, to Valley College I decided to go.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

—1 Corinthians 13:11

I had always thought that being a writer would be a wonderful existence. I drifted into journalism. I had written before, nonsense mostly—poetry, short stories, satire.

Through journalism I could channel and discipline my energies. I could drain them away.

It's been hard work. Especially being editor of the Star. That can, at times, be murder. Not all people on campus agreed with the things we wrote about. We received our share of nasty letters and obscene phone calls.

Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please.

—Mark Twain

But we also received our share of appreciation and acceptance. All things taken into account, it has been memorable—and pleasant.

REFLECTIONS

Star Board Selects Its Own Professor of the Year

By VALLEY STAR EDITORIAL BOARD

After contending with the editorial board of the Valley Star for the last year, we members of this organization feel that the display of patience by Henry A. Lalane, professor of journalism, and board adviser, should not go unnoticed.

Al Lalane's patience is tested from Thursday to Thursday as he struggles with the abnormal personalities which make up the governing forces of the Valley Star.

As we begin the process of putting out the Star at each Thursday's editorial board meetings, Lalane must endure the witticisms of Albert "Strange Person" Arouh, the diatribe of Messrs. Richmond and Brown, and most of all the verbal outbreaks from the infamous Rubinchik.

Still, Lalane fails well, wading through the mounds of cigarette butts (he is a non-smoker) and candy wrappers, to be ready with a closing joke, sometimes funny, at the end of each session.

Sometimes appearing pained, it is amazing to see his joviality remaining

I won't leave this place an unchanged person. My outlook on life has gone through some changes. I have seen the very ugly side of many people. I have also seen the very beautiful side of many.

Every newspaper editor owes tribute to the devil.

—La Fontaine

Respect is fostered in close working situations, and that has been the sort in

which we work at Star. For those people with whom I work, I have nothing but the utmost, unmitigated respect. In my opinion, this semester's has been one of the finest, hardest working staffs assembled.

Because of that, even with the pains, heading this crew has been a pleasure. It has made the time spent at Valley all the more meaningful.

To them, and to the school, thank you.

COMMENTARY

Minds of Youth Hold Potential for Facism

JENNIFER GARDINER

Managing Editor



of fascist governments: Mussolini and Franco. A common myth is that these men and their parties took over by military coups.

Unfortunately, this is not the case. The leaders rose to power via the people's support. Theirs were the major political parties of the time.

When a fascist party has taken control, the people have chosen them out of an inner need for order in a society turned chaotic. The people listen to promises made and block out what they don't want to hear.

One result of such massive blind vision was the murder of millions of Jews.

It could happen again and it could happen here.

People have a tendency to view history through rose colored glasses. They romanticize themselves and their era with the words, "It could never happen here."

They refuse to acknowledge the fact that, given the right circumstances, they could be easily swayed by the promises of a despot on the rise.

In the end, it is this false omnipotent vision of self which results in an introverted and warped reality. The primer is then set for the artist who decides to complete the ready and eager canvas into the final painting of facism.

Recycling Center Needed

A proposal outlining a possible recycling center at Valley College has been submitted to Dean Donald Brunet by the Patrons Association.

Star feels that the proposal should be accepted and adopted for the Fall '77 semester.

In doing this, the Valley administration will have the opportunity to provide the fall student council with a strong foundation for the enactment of a comprehensive recycling program on campus.

Once in full operation, the proposed recycling center would generate an estimated \$290 in revenues a week, according to Leonora Mingini, administrator of the Patrons Association.

The initial investment for Valley would be minimal because the cost of the receptacles for the recyclable material would be incurred by the contractors who will do the hauling.

Reservations to the project have been voiced by some members of the administration on the basis of security problems related to protection of the proposed recycling center from vandals. According to administration spokesmen, Valley's last recycling program (about one year ago) had to be aborted because of excessive vandalism to the collection bins.

Instead of letting these past abuses govern future plans, steps could be taken to avoid a reoccurrence of these kinds of problems.

Fencing and security patrols would go a long way in deterring vandals. The costs incurred by these measures could surely be paid for by an active recycling program.

Moreover, the revenues which could be generated by a strong recycling program would be very helpful in funding an Associated Students Organization faced with a fiscal cutback because of a Los Angeles Community College District takeover of co-curricular activities.

We realize that it is becoming very late in the semester for concrete administration action on the proposed recycling center. We also realize that there are attendant problems associated with the Patrons Association proposal.

However, we strongly feel that unless the Valley administration accepts the proposal before the semester ends, a valuable opportunity to facilitate ecological conservation and monetary compensation may be lost.

Administration approval would give the fall student government a working foundation for a long awaited conservation program at Valley.

RICH RAPS

LAVC Can Be a Nicer Place With A Little Help From Your Friends

By RAY RICHMOND
Sports Editor

"Hi! My name's Ray. How are you today?"

I'll bet you were a little uncomfortable reading that first line. After all, I'm a total stranger, and I had the ultimate gall to actually introduce

myself and say "hi" to you.

I've found in my experiences that most people are too introverted and scared to acknowledge even a friendly response from someone they don't know. Even while simply strolling by, people refuse to communicate with people.

When I came to Valley to enroll for the first time a few summers back, the first thing I noticed was that everyone walked like a zombie with a moronic glazed look in their eyes. Making friends was the farthest thing from their minds.

I remember I asked someone what time it was and the person held his watch out while staring the other way, saying nothing.

Communicating with the opposite sex is a near impossibility in an informal situation. I'm not talking about "picking up" or getting a date, just being able to elicit a response from a simple "hi."

When walking past a girl on the street or in school, if I give one a stare or smile or hello, I'm met with a look of aggression or disinterest, as if I'm out to rape her. It can really be frustrating.

"Hi. Isn't it a nice day?"

"Get lost, pervert!"

It's too bad that meeting people has to be a game. It's got to be socially accepted just like everything else, like through a friend or at a party.

Why can't it just happen naturally? Gaining good friends, ones that you can trust, has got to be the hardest thing in the world. Nobody trusts anybody else, but nobody can be blamed either. With the high level of rape and murder and cheating, even among casual acquaintances, everybody has to be on the lookout.

But if people could be even a little more friendly toward one another as strangers, life would be much easier to handle and much more secure.

Try not hating the people you see on the street this summer. Being friendly never hurts.

LETTER TO THE STAR

Students Harbor Support For Anita Bryant's Cause

Dear Editor:

We both were disappointed in the editorial in the May 12 issue of the Valley Star concerning Anita Bryant's stand on homosexuality. The article had no purpose in informing or encouraging students. It held no comedy relief, which apparently is what it was supposed to have done. The only thing the article did successfully was to turn the Star into an award winning gossip column by the defamation of character of Anita Bryant.

Boland showed no objectivity in his faulty logic, making unsupported, biased conclusions. Anita Bryant is hardly dependant on the orange juice industry. She is a recording artist and speaker as well as an endorser of orange juice. Boland, claiming the recent rains negate Anita Bryant's proclamation of God's judgment of drought, failed to note that the drought continues, and is growing acute in Northern California.

Anita Bryant can hardly be labeled as an opponent of God. Rather, her

proclamation against homosexuality uniquely sets her apart as a spokesperson for God. Her argument on homosexuality is all backed by Biblical scripture in both Old and New Testament. Not only does the Bible warn against fornication and immorality, history proves God's judgment in the destruction of such well known cities as Sodom, Gomorrah, Greece, Macedonia, and Rome. God made man for woman and vice-versa, therefore two men or two women cannot procreate as God intended.

Accusation of Anita Bryant's actions having selfish ulterior motives are an unjust judgment of her character.

We usually enjoy Jim Boland's work and will be looking forward to future contributions of his in the Valley Star.

Michael Litteken
Janet Southwell

(EDITOR'S NOTE: It must be pointed out that Boland's column was not a Valley Star editorial and in no way represented the views of this publication. Signed columns are the personal expressions of the writers).

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April's Professor of Month Finds Lights of Broadway Beam at Valley

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It's a long way from the lights of Broadway to the classrooms of Valley College.

Jay Merson, April's Professor of the Month, gave up his chance at stardom but "never regreted ending up at Valley."

As a child in New York, Merson concentrated on years of singing and tap dancing lessons, and was eventually offered a role in an MGM musical.

"I had to turn it down because my parents didn't want it to interfere with my schoolwork," he recalled.

"At one time I thought maybe I wanted to be a pop singer," admits the professor of French. "I enjoy music—especially popular music and the American classics."

So how did Merson end up instructing French at Valley?

"I had been interested in the French language and people since I was 12 years old, when a marvelous teacher stimulated my interest in French civilization."

Merson had lived in France for three

years, attending school both in Paris and in the French countryside.

"It was during this period that I consolidated many of my language skills," he says, adding, "Language is a clue to people's attitudes about many things."

'MIXTURE OF EXPERIENCE'

Fall Editors Chosen

Editors for the Fall '77 Valley Star were announced last Tuesday by Jim Boland, in-coming editor-in-chief.

The editor-in-chief chosen by the journalism advisors, traditionally has as his first official function the task of choosing the editors who will serve as the nucleus of his staff.

Next semester's editors will be Robert Brown, managing editor; Albert Arouh, city editor; Sheryl Raboy, news editor; and Hunter Lowry, associate news editor.

Fine Arts will be under the direction of Doug Curran whose associate has not yet been named.

"If you really want to know a people, you've got to know its language."

When he came to Los Angeles 15 years ago, after attending and teaching at Harvard for eight years, Merson was undecided as to his future vocation.

"I stumbled on this job at Valley, and I've been here ever since."

He smiles easily, showing off warm, friendly eyes and a dark beard flecked with grey. His hands are animated with enthusiasm as he talks about Valley.

"It's not hard to be a good teacher at this college because the students you're working with are so warm—so nice as people—that it's easy to just give what you've got and share with them."

"I don't know of any college I'd rather be in. Instructors have a great deal of freedom here. You're able to do your own thing without strangling."

"You're free to be a human being."

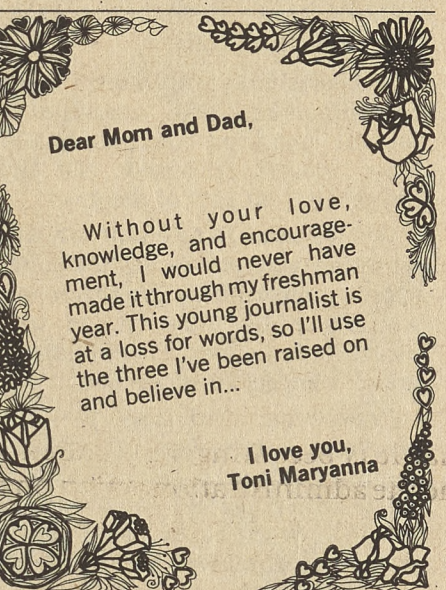
Merson's "own thing" is to be an effective teacher, sharing knowledge and enriching the lives of his students, while having the time to sit down and get to know them as individuals.

"Valley College is a microcosm of the community; there's no finer place to observe people of all ages and lifestyles. The students are talented in so many different areas."

"I've learned a great deal from them."

Drug Information

One of the many services provided for the community is the Drug Education Center. This center provides, free of charge, over 30 films on drugs; a library of books and articles on drug abuse; film strips; many reprints of magazine articles; a bi-monthly newsletter and several other services for any group in the community. The center's operating hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



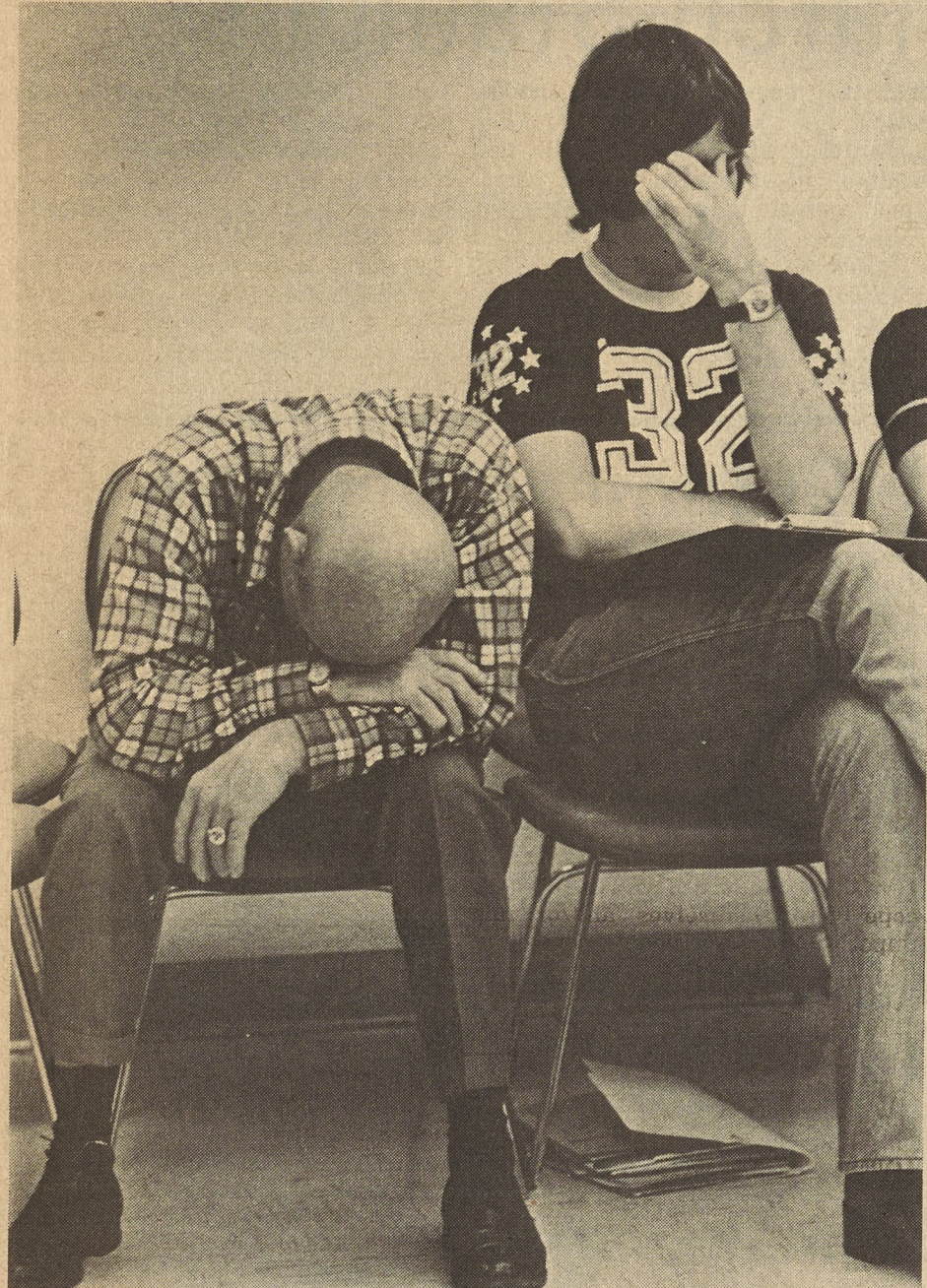
Highlights

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won by a slim margin over Steven Katz. Donohue received 188 of the 355 votes cast.

Also elected were David Whitelaw, vice-president; Robert Pike, chief justice; Danny Morgan, social activities; Susie Helms, women's athletics; Ron Reed, Black Ethnic Studies; and Ofer Touboul, Jewish Studies.

A new position, "Commissioner of Handicapped Awareness," was created by the passing of a constitutional change. The change was ratified by a 74 per cent vote for "yes."



WAKE ME WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS—Nelson Tucker and Jules Kimmet catch 40 winks during a recent Council meeting.

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What's Happening

Opera Workshop

"Die Fledermaus," an opera workshop production, will be performed June 9 through June 11, and June 16 through June 18 in the Little Theater at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50; staff and Valley College ID card holders \$1.25. Tickets will be available at the Business Office. Call 781-1200, Ext. 319 for reservations.

Graduation

Valley College will hold its 28th annual commencement at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, in the mall between the Library and the Cafeteria Building.

Orientation Discussions

Valley's counseling Department will be holding orientation discussions for new, returning, and interested continuing students during the summer months. For information on the variety of topics to be discussed and appointment, call 781-1200, Ext. 246.

Summer English Course For Vietnamese Students

A new course designed specifically for Vietnamese students will be offered at Valley College starting June 20. The class offers three credits, and will assist students in hearing and speaking English, and taking notes. Applications are now being accepted in the college Admissions Office.

Job Opportunities

Representatives from Winston Tire Co. and Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. will be here June 7, and June 8, respectively, as part of a recruitment program by the placement department. For further information, contact Dr. Lynn Lomen in the placement department.

You've Got A Friend

Hillel's "Backroom" will be open as a drop-in lounge every Tuesday evening for six weeks beginning June 7, 1977. Everyone is welcome to come for conversation, games, dancing, refreshments, and meeting new friends. The "Backroom" is located in the Jewish Center, 13164 Burbank Blvd., across from the LAVC bungalows.

Thurston Speaks On Education

Dr. Alice J. Thurston, president of Valley College, will speak on "The Role of the Community College in Education" at the Valley Forge Restaurant in Encino on June 8, at 6:30 p.m.

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Verdun Resigns As Lions' Mentor After Three Years

By HAROLD KLEIN
Staff Writer

Al Verdun recently announced his resignation as head baseball coach at Valley College.

"I regret the resignation. Al worked

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very hard to do the best job he could," stated George Goff, men's athletic director.

His coaching career started at Compton College. After Compton was Torrance High School, where he was head man. Verdun then went to Long Beach City, where he was an assistant.

In 1968-69 he won the JC championship. Before moving on to Valley, Verdun coached at Rio Hondo for three years.

Verdun began as Monarch head coach in 1975, when he accumulated a record of 11-9 in the Metropolitan Conference, and a 21-16 overall. That year the Monarchs tied for the first half championship with the Long Beach Vikings.

Off the '75 team, he sent three into the professional ranks, including Greg Broomis and Don Kuhnoff, who signed

with the Baltimore Orioles. Jim Dorsey went to the California Angels, while Stu Bolin and Paul Ryan went to four year institutions to better their skills.

He began 1976 with a cast mainly consisting of freshmen. In this rebuilding year, he worked for a record of 15-20-1.

Frustration was brought to Verdun

in 1977. Valley grasped a record of 7-17 in the Metro, and 10-26 overall. Off this team Gary Ervin (most valuable player), Dave Diaz (ballplayer's ballplayer), John Stine, and many of the Monarch ballplayers will make their way over to four year schools.

Verdun will remain at Valley College as an instructor in physical education and health.

VC Tracksters Set School Relay Mark

By HAROLD KLEIN
Staff Writer

Jubilation was in the faces of the Monarch tracksters as they set a new school record in the mile relay last Saturday at Bakersfield.

"It's great," repeatedly roared Coach Paul Passno. "I never thought our mile relay team could have done this well."

The mile relay team was led by Wyatt Henderson (48.9), Steve McKenna (49.3), Shelton Tryon (48.2), and Robert Hodge (47.5). They all ran their best times of the year.

They came in fifth place in the California State Championship Meet with a time of 3:14.1. This eclipses the

old mark of 3:15.0, which was set in 1967.

"We ran a great race of 3:14.1, but could only manage fifth place," said Asst. Coach Mike Wagenback. "It was an outstanding field of runners."

Kevin Burkin finished seventh in the 5000 meters with a disappointing time of 15:09.

Valley concluded their 1977 dual meet season with a record of 3-3 in the Metropolitan Conference.

"I am very pleased with the way we performed this season," said Passno. "We established credibility, and we will surely do better next year in the toughest conference around."

Rich Rambles for Last Time

Lord, I was born a ramblin' man,
Tryin' to make a livin' and doin' the best I can,
When it's time for leavin' I hope you'll understand,
That I was born a ramblin' man.

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I've rambled and rambled on for two very full years at Valley College, but it's time for leavin', and I hope you'll understand. This is it! The Rich will rap for the final time.

Working on the Valley Star, I've experienced the best of times, the worst of times, and the craziest of times. Being sports editor is the only position for which you have to oil your typewriter with your own blood.

Since I consider myself an expert on the subject, I've decided to relate my feelings of Valley athletics by awarding, in the tradition of a past editor, the 1976-77 Orchids and Onions Awards.

Orchids to John Becker, Valley's sensational football coach, for giving the Monarchs three great years before moving to Oregon. His personality and talent will not be forgotten.

Orchids to the football crowd at the Valley-Bakersfield game in Bakersfield. Tearing down banners, running crazy, and making obscene remarks at Valley partisans, it was obvious their IQ's didn't exceed their waistlines.

Orchids to Lonnie Buckner, the incredible forward for Valley's

cagers, who earned recognition as the best ever in Monarch history. It is well deserved.

Orchids to basketball Coach Jim Stephens for making me feel like a Hertz car in an Avis parking lot. His enthusiasm in interviews was worth about \$5.

Orchids to coaches Gary Honjio

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teams, every one of them. With the outstanding performances of the women's volleyball, basketball, and softball teams, it's obvious the program has built into one of the best for a community college in the nation.

Orchids to the Valley student body for their apathy when it comes to team support. I know, who cares?

Orchids to coaches Gary Honjio (gymnastics), Paul Passno (track and football), Al Verdun (baseball), Dieder Stark (women's volleyball), Bill Krauss (swimming and water polo), and Rick Beress (volleyball) for their great cooperation with the press and their coaching talents.

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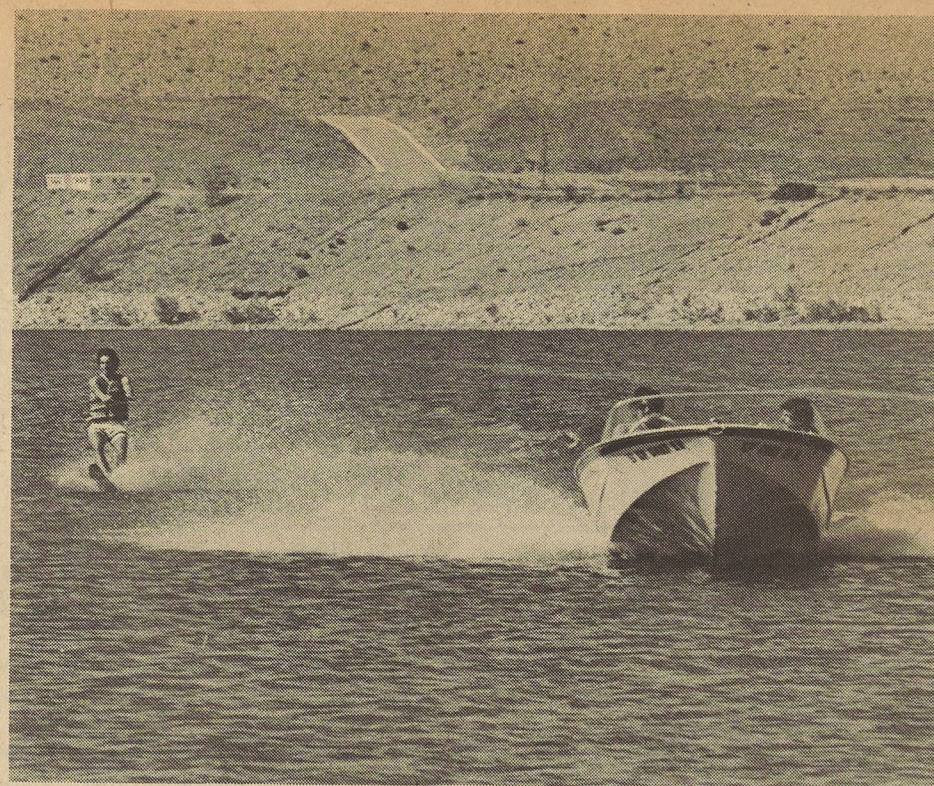
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SUMMER FEVER—Coach Dick Clement gives one of his waterskiing student's a whirl in Lake Castaic, located in the backdrops of Valencia, California. Waterskiing is on the brink of renewed popularity in the summer of '77.

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Mittmen Honored

A silver lining for Valley Baseball team's otherwise dismal season was having six players selected for all-conference recognition.

Gary Ervin, shortstop, was an unanimous coach's choice to the first team all-Metro with Bob Parr (OF), Dave Diaz (2B), and John Stine (DH) tabbed for the second team. Roger Lang (OF) and Paul Plinski (3B) were named on the Honorable Mention list.

The Green and Gold finished with a 7-17 record in Metro play that included a 5-7 second-half mark after a poor 2-10 first-half.

At last week's team banquet, Ervin was rewarded for his skills by receiving the Most Valuable Player Award.

Rookie of the year honors went to Lang, and Bobby Hannick was voted Most Inspirational. Scott Hergott won the Most Improved Player Award.

For the second consecutive year, Diaz was selected as the Ballplayer's Ballplayer.

Turnstyles Closed, Lights Off in Monarch Stadium

By TONI DRAKE
Assoc. Sports Editor

Just recently, I took a stroll to Monarch Stadium, and to my amazement found it quite empty.

Never before have I experienced such silence and solitude.

No longer were the football players charging the field, bleeding, hurting, and striking with bitterness and hate. Anything to get that first down.

Flashback—

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Football season has ended.

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Memorial

Nelson "Yazoo" Gary, 82, died last Saturday of a heart attack at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Burbank. Mr. Gary was Valley's number one baseball fan, having not missed a game in 15 years.

He is survived by his wife Helen and son Nelson Jr.

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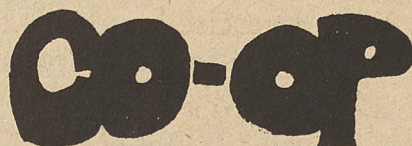
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An interesting display of art is currently on exhibit at Valley's Art Gallery now through June 9.

Children's Art

Block prints, weaving, sculpture, and paintings, all done by children of the Child Development Center, are on exhibition in the show cases of the Art Building.

Museum Lecture

"I Thought Cabrillo Was First," an historical look at who was first in California, will be presented by Richard Cunningham Monday June 6, at 3 p.m. in the Cafeteria Conference room.

Travel Film

"The Adventurous Life," a travel film presented by lecturer John Goddard, will show Sunday, June 5 in Monarch Hall at 3 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 and those with Gold Cards are free.

Lab Theater

A new production entitled "Waiting for Lefty" opens today, Thursday in the Lab Theater at 11 a.m. and again at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Summer Culture

Musical production "Oliver" will be performed August 17 through 21 in the Little Theater at 8:30 p.m. General admission is \$2.50 and children under 12 are \$1.

"Three Men On a Horse," a rollicking American comedy, will be presented July 21 through 23 in the Horseshoe Theater at 8:30 p.m., and "Charley's Aunt," an English comedy, will be performed in the Little Theater July 28 through 30 at 8:30 p.m.

Concerts Presented This Week

Two concerts featuring Valley's Wind Ensemble and the Symphony Orchestra will be presented in Monarch Hall Thursday, June 2 and Friday, June 3.

On Thursday, the Symphony Orchestra will perform an all French program at 8 p.m. "La Roi d'ys" by Lalo and "Divertissement" by Ibert will open the concert. Suites 1 and 2 by Bizet will close the program.

In addition, the orchestra will perform a piece written by former valley student Bob Dawson entitled "Changing Times."

The Wind Ensemble will play a varied program beginning at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

Opening this program is "Sound Dramas for Band" by Pasquale J. Spino. "Hymn for Band" by Brent Heisinger and the finale from the "Firebird," by Igor Stravinsky, arranged by Richard Goldman and conducted by student Tom Bevans will mark the first half of the program.

After intermission, works by Nelhybel, Alexander Scriabin, Beethoven, and Lebow will conclude the program. Featured as student conductor in the last half of the program is Steve Rosen.



HITTING BIG TIME—Valley's Jazz Ensemble (above) club in North Hollywood Sunday, June 5. directed by Dan Nelligan and the studio jazz band, directed by Richard Carlson, will perform at Donte's jazz

Valley Star Photo by Harry Fisher

ETHNIC MUSIC PLAYED

Folk Dance Party Planned

Eastern European Folk dances will be presented by the International Rendezvous Folk Dance Club on Satur-

day, June 18 from 8 p.m. til midnight at the Valley College Field House on 5800 Ethel Ave. Admission is \$1.50.

Live music will be performed by Pecurka International Folkdance Band. The Pecurka Folkdance Band consists of six musicians playing a variety of conventional and ethnic instruments, and has been playing music for folk dancing in the Los Angeles area for over five years.

Dances will be performed by the Bistriza Folk Ensemble. The Bistriza Folk Ensemble consists of twenty dancers and singers who perform dances in costumes from Serbia, Yugoslavia, and Macedonia.

The dances represent a strong ethnic culture indigenous to Eastern European heritage. Dances from Yugoslavia depict traditional songs and folk-lore that have been per-

formed for centuries. The dances of Macedonia depict a free-style art form that has made Macedonia renowned for its dance culture.

The International Rendezvous Folk Dance Club is a student-run, self-supporting club with weekly meetings and dedicated to folk dancing for young adults.

Valley Potters Spinning Wheels



Mugs, vases, bowls, and figurines are but few of the many creations to come out of Dale Fulkerson's Ceramics class. Busy and patient hands of Mike Osborn, Ida Greschner, and Derek Rostant shape and mold works of art from slabs of clay. Students display their work in a show held at the end of the year where many unique hand-made gifts may be purchased.

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Johann Strauss' 'Die Fledermaus' Flies in Opera

"Die Fledermaus," a beautiful and well-known production, will be performed in Valley's Little Theatre beginning Thursday, June 9 at 8:30 p.m. Performances will continue through Saturday, June 11. The production will resume on Thursday, June 16 through Saturday June 4.

The Opera "Die Fledermaus," (in English means the flying mouse), will be \$2.50 for staff and Valley students with a paid student body card will be \$1.25.

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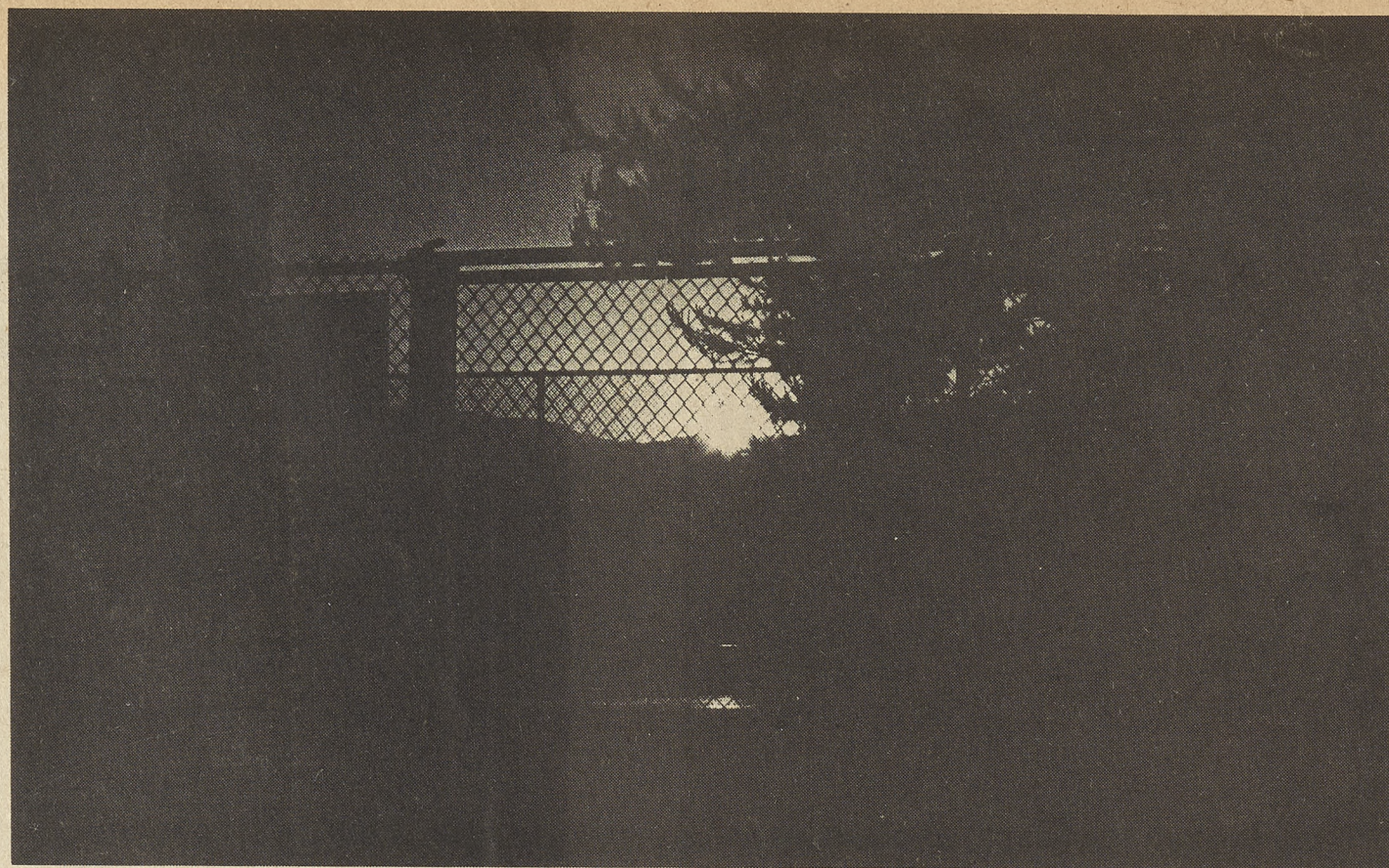
how much money will be needed to fund the papers, not being able to take into account any unforeseen emergencies, such as what happened this year. The allotted funds ran out in March and \$15,000 from the advertising funds were used for this purpose.

Edward Irwin, professor of journalism at Valley, recently stated, "Paper costs have doubled and tripled in the eight years since the community colleges asked the Board of Trustees to fund publication of all campus newspapers as part of the instructional fund."

If problems arise later in the semester, Fallo mentioned the campus President's ability to transfer funds from another account.

"As I see it, there should be no budget problems arising from this funds transfer," Fallo said.

Professor Irwin is not so sure. "The publication of a newspaper requires flexibility. Getting money from the district takes a long time. We're going to have many difficulties from now on."



DAWN IS A FEELING—Valley College's view of the dawn from the Southeast portion of the campus.
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Professor Disputes Von Daniken's Ideas

By JOE LOVELL
Staff Writer

Erik Von Daniken's "gift of gab" has enabled him to sell books by using "double talk" and one-sided explanations of ancient mysteries, commented Robert Cooney, instructor of Geology, in a lecture given Tuesday, May 17.

Cooney, who teaches a class on astronomical myths, mysteries, fallacies, and controversies (Astronomy 4), said Von Daniken's theory "falls apart" when closely inspected. He added that Von Daniken "deals with scientific issues in an unscientific manner."

In a Playboy interview (August 1974), Von Daniken admitted certain errors in his book, "Chariot of the Gods" and told of his attempts to correct them, but that "these things take time."

Cooney noted Von Daniken's past record of fraud and embezzlement that provoked one astronomer to remark

that "he (Von Daniken) simply lies."

Using the plains in Peru as an example, which Von Daniken suggests is a landing strip for ancient astronauts, Cooney said, "If they had spaceships, why would they need a landing strip? After all, we didn't need one to land on the moon!"

"Von Daniken does not offer any other interpretations for his theories and uses his naive spiel to cloud the issues," said Cooney. "He has been detrimental to scientific investigation."

A book by Clifford Wilson, "Crash Go the Chariots" presents a different viewpoint of ancient mysteries and accounts of past civilizations.

"There may have been ancient visitors to this planet, but Von Daniken's books offer no validity to show this. His books are really funny and not to be taken seriously," concluded Cooney.



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